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TO : W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 9-22-64

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Declassify on: OADR
per State letter 2-21-84. FBI

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA
Warren Commission

This discusses Commission request on 9-22-64 that we declassify a "Secret" 181-page summary memorandum dated 5-18-64 prepared in this case by our Legal Attache, Mexico City, and proposes because of possible international repercussions that we take this matter up with the Department of State.

At 1:05 p.m., 9-22-64, Mr. Malley received request from the office of W. David Slawson, staff member of the President's Commission, that we declassify our 181-page summary memorandum prepared in this case 5-18-64 by our Legal Attache, Mexico City. This memorandum which contains an elaborate Table of Contents and Index summarizes all of our investigation in Mexico through early May, 1964. In preparing the summary, Legal Attache classified it "Secret" in order to protect

(S) [redacted] and, in addition, to protect highly sensitive security informants who provided some of the data in the document. Some of these informants are [redacted] (S) All of the sources who provided information as set forth in the summary are protected therein by 31 informant symbols.

b1 per STATE

Much of the investigation reported in the summary was (S) conducted by [redacted] Due to the importance of this investigation [redacted] (S)

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Legal Attache has advised us, however, that the Mexicans are insistent that [redacted] In this [redacted] (S)

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connection, when Mr. Slawson of the Commission staff and two other staff members were in Mexico in April the[redacted] Accordingly, the Commission members did not take depositions in Mexico. (S)

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OBSERVATIONS:

The action of the Commission at this time in requesting the Bureau to declassify its summary of investigation in Mexico may (S) [redacted] could result in serious diplomatic repercussions between this country and Mexico.

b1 STATE

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the possible consequences, it is recommended that the matter of the declassification [redacted] be taken up with the Department of State. Attached for approval is a letter to State enclosing a copy of the summary in question.

b1 STATE

JS and WGS

This is the reason we should consult State Dept & the decision is up to State. Suggest Supervisor Bartlett deliver to State & get an immediate answer.

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answer

OK

Letter with encl. delivered to State 9/24/64. HBWalls, State orally answered 9/26/64 & confirmed in writing 9/30/64

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